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Faculty members Harel Barzilai & Homer Austin of the Henson School were recently awarded for their excellence. Flyer Photo by Kat Hess.

Math professors recognized for excellence

By Charles Bloom
Staff Writer

Drs. Harel Barzilai and Homer Austin of Salisbury University's Richard A. Henson School of Sciences and Technology have independently been recognized for their outstanding teaching in mathematics and mathematics education. Both are also principle investigators for the ADEPT program, which provides graduate level math content instruction to teachers at the middle school level.

Austin was awarded the John Smith Award for Distinguished Teaching from the Maryland-DC-Virginia branch of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA). The MAA is the largest professional society of college and university mathematics teachers in the world.

"He is among the most dedicated

teachers I know and has long been an 'unsung hero'," said Dr. Kathleen Shannon, chair of SU's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

"Mathematics is like a team sport, or any activity where you have to be actively involved. If you think you will learn math by watching a professor or others you are wrong," said Austin, regarding his teaching philosophy.

He also believes his passion for math and desire to spread that passion, contributes to his teaching. "The person who applies himself and learns mathematics unlocks for himself ways of thinking that he never ever dreamed were possible," said Austin.

Barzilai was recognized by the Maryland Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) as their Teacher of the Year at the college

level. The MCTM is the Maryland chapter of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, a professional organization for math instructors from preschool through college. The MCTM website states their goal is to: "support teachers in their professional endeavors that help them to become agents of change in mathematics education."

"Harel has really made an impact on mathematics education on Delmarva in the four years since he came to the shore," said Shannon. "His efforts will result in better prepared mathematics teachers and thus better educated students. This award is well-deserved and I expect him to continue to improve mathematics education locally and nationally."

Barzilai is also a believer in actively engaged instruction.

"How do you learn to ride a bike? Not by watching lectures or being at a blackboard. Maybe you have a trainer or coach to make sure you don't fall," said Barzilai, who envisions himself in that supportive role.

Barzilai received his award for establishing the Allied Delmarva Enhancement Program for Teachers (ADEPT), teaching ADEPT courses, and performing mathematics outreach with different counties in the Delmarva area. Austin, who is a co-founder and co-instructor in the program, believes it was a significant factor in his recognition as well.

The ADEPT program courses are the first graduate level courses offered by the SU Mathematics and Computer Science Department. The program is also the first to instruct middle school mathematics teachers in the Delmarva area in content at the

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Incase you missed it: the first Presidential Debate

By Owen Jarvis
Staff Writer

For those anticipating a head-on collision of worldviews, the first presidential debate did not disappoint. Held on Sept. 30 at the University of Miami in Florida, the first of three presidential debates dealt with foreign policy, focusing for much of the night on the Iraq War. Senator John Kerry immediately stated the theme that would sum up the entire night: "I believe President Bush and I both love our country equally. But we just have a different set of convictions about how you make America safe," he said. Their different set of convictions often made for intense disagreement about America's role in the world and in which ways, if any, we should redefine our role.

Taking center stage for much of the debate was the Iraq War. Kerry criticized President Bush on a number of points regarding the ongoing conflict. "I know I can do a better job in Iraq," said Kerry. "I have a plan to have a summit with all of the allies, something this president has not yet achieved; [he has] not yet been able to bring people to the table."

Kerry later harshly criticized the President's rationale for war, accusing him of "diverting (his) attention from the real war on terror in Afghanistan against Osama bin Laden and taking it off to Iraq where the 9/11 Commission con-

firms there was no connection to 9/11 itself and Saddam Hussein." He called this diversion "a colossal error of judgment" on the part of the President.

President Bush countered with characteristic succinctness. "In Iraq, we saw a threat, and we realized that after September the 11th, we must take threats seriously, before they fully materialize. Saddam Hussein now sits in a prison cell. America and the world are safer for it."

Bush went on to attack Kerry's criticism of the war effort directly on several occasions, suggesting that such criticism would undermine Kerry's effectiveness as a commander-in-chief. "I don't see how you can lead this country to succeed in Iraq if you say wrong war, wrong time, wrong place," the President explained. "What message does that send our troops?" What message does that send to our allies? What message does that send to the Iraqis?"

President Bush also reminded viewers that Kerry voted for the war, a point he considers at odds with Kerry's criticisms. Kerry responded by clarifying that he authorized the use of force against Iraq based on promises the President made but did not fulfill, such as promising not to make war inevitable and to proceed cautiously with the support of our allies.

Other issues raised in the debate included nuclear proliferation,

which both candidates agree is the most serious threat to national security. The two also discussed the threat of North Korea, the FBI's "change of culture" and when troops will be coming home from Iraq, all of which they markedly disagreed on.

Afterwards, most major news outlets gave Kerry a slight edge in the debate. The polls reflected this, with a Gallup poll suggesting Kerry won 53 percent to 37 percent and an ABC News poll suggesting Kerry won 46 percent to 35 percent. A CBS News poll of supposedly undecided voters gave the debate to Kerry at 43 percent to 29 percent. One explanation for such impressions is Bush's visible reactions to Kerry's attacks during the debate. The split-screen format showed the President at times visibly annoyed and flustered while Kerry spoke, emotions that tended to spill over into his debating. On campus, the PACE-sponsored "Rhetoric of the Debates" class watched the event and afterwards analyzed each candidate's effectiveness. Like others in the class, senior Amanda Sadler came away with mixed impressions.

"Both candidates presented themselves very well; neither showed any great weakness," she said. "[But] Kerry needed to really outshine Bush to make a tremendous difference in the current campaign, and I don't think he did that."

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STUDENT ACTIVISTS COVER CAMPUS WITH PROTEST DRAWINGS. Late Wednesday night, activists covered the campus of Salisbury University with hundreds of body outlines in protest of the war in Iraq. A few students chalked the phrase "Vietnam?" inside some of the body outlines, harkening back to another era when students protested en masse against what they perceived to be an unjustifiable war. Others chalked phrases such as "war costs lives" and labeled some outlines as "brother" or "sister" in an attempt to drive home the point that this war has had a very real and tragic human death toll. These chalk drawings are part of the increasingly lively political discourse on Salisbury's campus, reflecting intensified debate across the country.

A PARTY WITH A PURPOSE. Local bar Charisma will hold a voting registration night October 6 starting at 10 p.m. There will be drink specials, live entertainment, and hors d'oeuvres. Registered voters are invited but encouraged to bring and unregistered friend. The event is sponsored by Youth Vote at Salisbury University and members will be on hand to assist anyone with questions. Voter registration documents and absentee ballots will be available as well as forms for out-of-state residents. Tickets for the event are available at the Information Desk at Salisbury University and from Youth Vote volunteers. There is no cost for tickets and each admits two people. Youth Vote is a non-profit, non-partisan campus based organization founded to encourage young people to vote, and become informed and involved in politics. Charisma is located at 1015 Eastern Shore Drive in Salisbury about 1 mile from campus. Contact the bar at 410-546-9190 or email worldadvocate@aol.com for more information.

KERRY RALLY TO BE HELD ON CAMPUS. A coalition of Salisbury University student groups will host a power packed rally in support of presidential candidate John Kerry. The rally will feature exciting live music, speakers, and information on the Kerry/Edwards campaign. It will be held outside in Red Square in the center

of the Salisbury University campus (rain location: Wicomico Room, Guerrieri University Center) noon - 2:00pm.

SU HISTORY PROFESSOR TO LEAD DISCUSSION AT WICOMICO COUNTY LIBRARY. Professor of History at Salisbury University, Dr. Clara L. Small will lead a book discussion and lecture on the book *We As Freemen: Plessy v Ferguson* by Keith Weldon Medley Monday, October 18 at 7 p.m. at the Wicomico County Free Library. The lecture and book examine the almost forgotten case that legally established the doctrine of "separate but equal" as the law of the land. Admission is free and the public is invited. For more information call the Wicomico Free Library 410-749-5171 or visit the SU Web site www.salisbury.edu.

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS. Students graduating in December who have studied abroad are eligible to commemorate that learning experience at graduation with a special sash. International Education and International Student Services is taking orders for graduation sashes that represent the country in which students studied. The colors and designs of these sashes are based on the official flags of the various nations. The cost is \$30 and samples are available for in the International Education and International Student Services office. In order to receive the sashes by graduation the order must be placed soon. All sash orders must be received by Friday, November 12th. International Student Services is Room 242E/F, on the second floor of Guerrieri University Center. For more information, please contact Carol Wellinghoff at 410-548-4503.

SU MUSIC DEPARTMENT TO PRESENT CHORALE PERFORMANCE. Salisbury University department of music presents Choral performance in Holloway Hall Auditorium 4:30 p.m. Sunday, November 7. Admission is free and the public is invited. For more information call 410-543-6385 or visit the SU Web site www.salisbury.edu.

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Salisbury Crime Beat

09/14/04 02:01*PM Theft
A laptop computer was reported stolen from an office in the bookstore. A reward of up to \$500 is being offered for information leading to the arrest, indictment and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the theft. The computer is a Compaq, Presario model, serial #CND32701L7. Contact University Police @410-543-6222, Crime Solvers @ 410-548-1776 or www.salisbury.edu/police/silent_witness.

09/14/04 02:30*PM Vandalism
A computer storage cabinet in a class room in Fulton Hall was damaged by an unknown person.

09/15/04 01:35*AM Indecent Exposure
Three students reported that a male student exposed himself near Severn Hall. The student has been identified. Administrative action and criminal charges are pending.

09/16/04 03:51*AM Vandalism
A light pole located between the Library and Wicomico Hall was knocked to the ground and the light globe was broken.

09/18/04 00:02*AM Intoxicated student
An underage resident of Pocomoke Hall was intoxicated and unresponsive. He was transported to PRMC by ambulance and treated.

09/18/04 04:49*AM Intoxicated person
A 17 year old non-student was found to be in an intoxicated condition and disoriented. He was uncooperative with officers and attempted to flee. An ambulance was called and he was transported to PRMC for treatment. A no-trespass letter will be sent.

05:00*PM Theft
A set of keys were reported stolen from

the Social Room in Holloway Hall. The keys were inadvertently left unattended.

09/20/04 06:45*PM Hit & Run
A student reported that a vehicle parked in the Devilbiss lot was damaged by an unknown vehicle.

09/21/04 10:30*AM Theft
A student reported that a bike was stolen from the bike rack between Caruthers & Henson Halls. The cable type lock had not been secured properly.

09/22/04 10:39*AM Hit & Run
A witness reported a possible hit & run in the University police lot. The investigation is ongoing.

09/19/04 09:00*AM Vandalism/Act of Intolerance
Residents of Choptank Hall found writing on their door that was biased based on sexual orientation.

09/23/04 07:41*AM Theft
A student reported that a "green" parking permit was stolen from a vehicle. The victim was unsure of the location from which the theft occurred.

09/23/04 01:30*PM Theft
A textbook was reported stolen from the bookstore. A possible suspect was identified and the investigation is continuing. On 9/29/04 a suspect was found. Criminal and administrative charges are pending.

09/19/04 10:00*AM Hit & Run
A report was received that a vehicle was damaged by an unknown vehicle, possibly while parked in the Devilbiss lot.

09/21/04 09:30*AM Theft
A digital camera was reported missing from an office on the 2nd floor of the Commons.

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STUDY ABROAD TRAVEL GRANTS AVAILABLE. Salisbury University is offering several travel grants to students who plan to study abroad during winter or spring 2005 sessions. Grant amounts may vary depending on individual circumstances. This grant stipulates that recipients will perform well academically in their classes and be willing to participate in study abroad workshops/information sessions upon their return. Applicants need to have a declared major, be enrolled full-time and have a 3.0 or higher GPA. Applications are available in the International Student Services office (Guerrieri University Center 229 A), Modern Languages (Holloway Hall 347) or the International Education Office (Guerrieri University Center 256). Applications are also available online at www.salisbury.edu/Students/ISS/HelpYou/StudyAbroad.html. Deadline for returning the applications is Friday, November 12, 2004. For more information, please contact Carol Wellinghoff at 410-548-4503.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND SU SPANISH CLUB SPONSOR FREE VIEWING OF HUMAN RIGHTS DOCUMENTARY. A free viewing of the human rights documentary *A Well Founded Fear* will be held October 5 at 7 p.m. in Salisbury University's Scarborough Leadership Center. The video, on loan from the Wicomico County Free Library, is one of a set of 10 documentaries on a variety of human rights issues. Sponsored by the local chapter of Amnesty International and the SU Spanish Club, the screening is part of an effort to raise awareness of human rights issues and the work of independent filmmakers. The video documents the U.S. asylum granting procedures through both the eyes of asylum officers and foreigners seeking protection in the United States. All ten films are available for loan from the library, courtesy of the Human Rights Video Project. Project coordinators have recognized the library as one of 50 nationwide to receive funding for the endeavor. Admission is free and the public is invited. For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU web site at www.salisbury.edu.

SU LOWER SHORE CHILD CARE RESOURCE CENTER SEEKS EMPLOYEES. The Lower Shore Child Care Resource Center at Salisbury University recently received a \$9,890.00 grant through the Environmental Protection Agency to hire an environmental health consultant. The consultant will work with childcare providers through a series of workshops focusing on environmental contaminants such as pesticide, lead, asthma triggers, and proper hand-washing techniques. In addition, four childcare providers will be chosen to work directly with the environmental consultant in a pilot program in which the providers will use the "Hooray for Hands" curriculum with the children in their childcare facilities. The first workshop is Saturday, November 6, at the Lower Shore Child Care Resource Center in Power Professional Building at the corner of Wayne and Power Streets. For more information please call Karen Goldman at 410-543-6650 or visit the SU Web site at www.salisbury.edu.

SU FALL CULTURAL EVENTS SERIES PRESENTS FILM-VIEWING. As part of its Fall Cultural Events Series, "A Celebration of Native American Peoples," Salisbury University presents 500 Nations, an eight-film series directed by documentary filmmaker Jack Leustig. Monday nights at 8 p.m. through November 15 in Caruthers Hall Auditorium. The October 4th installment is *Mexico - Through revealing eyewitness accounts, follow the rise and fall of the great Aztec Empire.* Sponsored by TIG Productions and the Office of Cultural Affairs and Museum Programs, the series is free and the public is invited. For more information call 410-543-6271 or visit the SU Web site at www.salisbury.edu.

MARYLAND'S FIRST LADY JOINS MARYLAND CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE. Maryland's First Lady Kendel S. Ehrlich is lending her support to the continuing fight against child abuse this October as hundreds of medical, mental health and law professionals from throughout the country converge on Ocean City, October 4-7, for an intensive and in-depth 3 1/2-day educational conference focusing on investigating child abuse and neglect. For more information about the conference log on to www.mcaca.org.

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Hold on to your hotdog buns!

By Robert Wojtek
Staff Writer

The Oscar Mayer Wienermobile will be making a stop this weekend at the 16th Annual Sea Gull Century.

Salisbury University alumni Erik Standon requested the Wienermobile after seeing a pop-up advertisement in his email. "Standon entered the 'Oh, I wish...' contest with the idea that the Wienermobile can help promote bicycling. 'He got his wish, along with \$5,000 worth of tools and bike parts for his contest idea. Standon also won a free ride in the Wienermobile to help cyclists who may need last minute repairs or tune-ups prior to the long ride they will experience during this year's Sea Gull Century course."

The Wienermobile will be stationed in front of Maggs Gym on

Oct. 9 from 6:30-8:30 a.m. Standon will then travel with the giant moving hot dog across the Century route to the Assateague National Seashore where he will again set up shop offering more bicycle services.

In 1936, Karl G. Mayer, nephew of the Oscar Mayer Co.'s founder, had the idea of introducing a 13-foot-long hot dog on wheels as a publicity gimmick. Soon, the first Wienermobile was seen driving through the streets of Chicago, promoting Oscar Mayer German-Style Wieners. "The state-of-the-art 2004 and eighth generation Wienermobile is built on a Chevrolet W4 Series chassis with a V-8, 6.0liter, 350-vortec 5700 engine with anti-lock brakes and a 32 gallon fuel tank. The vehicles "condiments" include a GPS navigation system, hot-dog

shaped instrument panel, removable bun roof, a mustard-splattered walkway and six ketchup and mustard colored seats. "If someone gets in this wiener's way, the vehicle can honk out the first few lines of the Wiener Jingle." The Wienermobile travels an average 1,000 miles a week or about 50,000 miles a year.

Wienermobile drivers are called "Hotdoggers." Consisting mainly of recent college graduates, Hotdoggers hand out thousands of "Wienerwhistles" (whistles shaped like the Wienermobile) to children across America each year as goodwill ambassadors for Oscar Mayer products. Each Hotdogger must undergo training at "Hot Dog High" at the company's headquarters in Madison, Wis., before ever setting foot in one of the traveling wieners.

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SECOND BROWN BAG LUNCH DISCUSSION TO BE HELD OCTOBER 19. Dr. Stephen Gehrich, professor of biology at Salisbury University, presents "African-Americans in World War I" discussing the role and reception of African-American soldiers during the First World War at the Fulton School of Liberal Arts' second Brown Bag Lunch Discussion of the semester on October 19, at noon in the University Gallery at Fulton Hall. The Fulton School Brown Bag Lunch Discussion Series is an ongoing activity, during which Fulton School faculty are encouraged to share their research, publications and interests with their colleagues, the SU campus and the greater community. The presentation is free and the public is invited. For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU Web site at www.salisbury.edu.

ENVIRONMENTAL PHILOSOPHER TO SPEAK AT SU. Julian Darley, environmental philosopher and director of the Post Carbon Institute will speak at SU on October 27 in Devilbiss Hall, Room 123. Darley's presentation is titled "The Ruthless Guide to Global Oil Peak" and includes information from his recent book *High Noon for Natural Gas: The New Energy Crisis*. The lecture will conclude with both policy and personal strategies to help face a future with much less oil and gas. A question-and-answer session will follow. Darley researches and writes non-market, non-technology-based responses to global environment issues. The talk is sponsored by the Richard A. Henson School of Science and Technology, and co-sponsored by SU's Environmental Students Association, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Salisbury, the Peace Alliance of the Lower Shore, the Provident Organic Farm and the Eastern Shore Sanctuary and Education Center. Admission is free, and the public is invited. For more information call 410-548-6030 or visit the SU Web site www.salisbury.edu.

SIMMAN HELPS TRAIN FUTURE NURSES AT SU. A 5-foot, 5-inch, 75-pound mannequin named SimMan is a simulated patient that talks, breathes and even maintains a pulse. Students use the realistic simulator powered by a laptop computer to practice CPR and physical assessment, learn defibrillator use and even practice

techniques for life-saving if a patient appears to die. More than 1,100 SimMan simulators have been installed nationwide at military institutions and nursing schools in the past three years. Originally used to help train anesthesiologists, electronic mannequins like SimMan have made their way into the area of advanced cardiac life support. SU's Nursing Programs recently received the highest possible rating during a recent accreditation visit from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, securing accreditation for the maximum period of five-years. For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU Web site at www.salisbury.edu.

SU ANNOUNCES DATE FOR ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST. The 31st annual Oktoberfest, sponsored by the Salisbury University German Club, will bring cultural food, games and music to campus on October 13. Scheduled from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on the Henson Science Hall Lawn, the festival features the SU Dance Company performing German dances, as well as Medieval knight re-enactors from the Society of Creative Anachronisms and local bands. A beer garden is available for those 21 and older, and awards are up for grabs in six categories during a German car show. Rain location is the Wicomico Room of the Guerrieri University Center. Sponsored by the Student Government Association, the event is free and the public is invited.

SU ANNOUNCES ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT BAZAAR. Salisbury University's annual Holiday Gift Bazaar is Friday, November 5 through Friday, December 17, in the Atrium Gallery of the Guerrieri University Center. Gallery Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. The Gallery is closed Mondays, weekends and holidays. Sponsored by the Office of Cultural Affairs and Museum Programs, the public is cordially invited. For more information call 410-543-6271 or visit the SU Web site www.salisbury.edu.

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postgraduate level, as opposed to the pedagogy, which is largely the focus of postgraduate instruction in Education." Content is important for middle school teachers of math, who currently have no certification program for instruction at the middle school level. As a result, many area math teachers are entering the classrooms with an Elementary Education major and may only have the two or three math courses required for graduation. A decision to teach algebra and geometry in middle school has left them woefully unprepared.

The ADEPT program was funded through a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation totaling more than a half-million dollars. This is currently the third and final year of ADEPT.

Barzilai finds the teachers who take his courses heroic, some of whom drive up to two hours each way to attend classes on topics such as theory, geometry, data analysis and conceptual algebra.

"Instructing these teachers is challenging and rewarding in different dimensions [than college

students]." They are professionals, and very motivated and interested even if their math background is not so great," said Barzilai.

ADEPT classes can be applied toward an MS degree in Math Education or towards a Post-baccalaureate Certificate in Middle School Mathematics. The classes are also expected to count toward a middle school mathematics certification once one is established.

Both professors remain modest regarding their awards. "I'm really surprised, but also humbled by the fact that all these colleagues wanted to recognize me," said Austin. "I do what I like to do because I like to do it, however. It's good to be recognized, but obviously I would do it if I were never recognized."

Barzilai feels fortunate to have had Delmarva, and specifically Salisbury, acknowledged by winning a statewide award. "It feels wonderful to be personally recognized, but it also feels wonderful to get Salisbury on the map; to get Delmarva recognized for the ADEPT program," said Barzilai.

Telecommunications installs new 911 emergency system

By Shane Jacobus
Staff Writer

The Telecommunications Office has recently installed a new emergency 911 system that can identify the exact location of the caller so that the University Police can respond to 911 calls placed on campus quicker than before.

"Under this new software we now have the capability, just like any other jurisdiction, to identify the phone number, building, and room location," said SU Police Chief Jim Phillips.

Before the new system was installed, the University Police could only distinguish 911 calls as coming from on campus with no further information to distinguish the caller's exact location. The dispatcher had to ask callers to specify their location if it was an emergency requiring immediate assistance. There were some situations where the old system was poten-

tially ineffectual thus prompting the need for the new one.

"I think it's a good way for University Police to know the location of the call in case the person can't talk for some reason," said Gwendolyn Owen, Area Director for St. Martin Hall. There has been a record of break-ins at St. Martin, mostly in the girls' rooms, which is why Owen supports this new system. Break-ins on campus may occur for a variety of reasons ranging from theft to physical or sexual assault.

Officials hope the new system will act as a deterrent to thieves and burglars. But that may not be enough to scare away intruders, especially if they are armed. The new system provides an advantage. Police can now identify a student's exact location and provide faster assistance if, like Owen said, a student can't talk because he or she is hiding from an intruder.

Chief Phillips mentioned another problem they encountered with the 911 system. "Sometimes students making long-distance calls inadvertently dial 911 and then hang up the phone upon realizing they misdialled." Chief Phillips said it is their duty to make sure everything is alright, even if callers sometimes hang up. "Under the old system, they still had to track down where such calls came from, even though it was rather time-consuming." With the new system, they can now identify where each call comes from and call them back immediately to ensure there is no emergency. "Still, Chief Phillips says that it would be whole lot easier if the callers just admit that they dialed the wrong number and they need not fear any repercussions for doing so.

"If you misdial, don't hang up." Just say, 'I'm sorry I made a misdial,' then hang up," he said.



THE BOTTLE FACTORY

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Who's enlightened on college campuses?

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First off, this commentary clearly draws on Dennis Prager's column that was originally published on March 23, 2004, aptly titled, "Who's brainwashed in America?" In this column, Prager eloquently exposes the hypocrisy of those who advocate secular extremism, an ideology I once embraced believe it or not.

"Just as many liberals and secularists can only imagine a religious person being brainwashed, not a liberal or a secular one, they likewise can only imagine religious extremism, never secular extremism," he writes. "One can easily be too religious, but never too secular. Yet, we have far more secular extremism than religious extremism in our society."

Like all these liberals and secularists, I too was once prejudiced towards born-again Christians given the abrasiveness of Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell. Even Billy Graham, the world's most popular evangelist, once made some pretty snide comments about Jews dominating the media.

Bearing all of this in mind, I distanced myself as much as possible from born-again Christians speciously thinking that they were no better than jihadists. During my time at Salisbury University, however, I gradually realized that those at the other end of the spectrum can be just as abrasive as Robertson, Falwell, and all those other guys.

This calls to mind what my favorite author Paul Watkins once wrote about Communists and Fascists in his debut novel, *Night Over Day Over Night*. The narrator, a young SS recruit named Sebastian Westland, is discussing both groups with his leader.

Voss. Voss tells him that Communists and Fascists may want something different in the end, but how they go about accomplishing their goals is all the same. Even though Adolf Hitler did indeed fall back on blaming the Jews for the death of Christ, his genocidal efforts were primarily grounded in white supremacy, not Christianity as some narrow-minded secularists would have us believe. Hitler himself is said to have listed Christianity as one of

the many maladies caused by the Jews. So, it is probably more accurate to refer to Hitler and his cronies as atheists — yes, *atheists* — because they did not acknowledge or espouse God in any way, shape or form. They did not profess themselves to be God-fearing men like the Ku Klux Klan, not that that should set them apart.

Still, it just goes to show that secular extremists are just as capable of mass murder as religious extremists. Moreover secularists in the United States do indeed get just as carried away as religious fundamentalists even though they want something different, going back to what Voss said about Commies and Fascists.

Columnist David Limbaugh, younger brother of radio talk-show host Rush Limbaugh, wrote an entire piece devoted to a Wisconsin public high school senior named Rachel Honer. When Rachel was one of three students selected to speak at graduation for the class of 2003, she opted to sing the Christian song "He's Always Been Faithful," by Sara Groves. However, the principal objected with a lame and baseless excuse that it would violate separation of church and state.

Limbaugh and several other columnists have written extensively about how secularists consistently blow the establishment clause in the First Amendment totally out of proportion with their obsessive calls for separation of church and state. With respect to religious freedom, the First Amendment reads, "Congress shall make no law respecting

an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." What our Founding Fathers really meant by the establishment clause was that there would be no *official* religion in the United States like they have in other countries. They certainly did not intend to stifle religious expression, which is protected by the free exercise clause.

"But in their obsession to achieve total church-state separation through the First Amendment Establishment Clause in the name of fostering religious freedom," writes Limbaugh, "the separationist zealots are suppress-

ing religious freedom, which is also protected by that same First Amendment."

When Rachel Honer filed a federal lawsuit, the District Court said that she could sing the song in its original lyrics but she had to refrain from using the G-word in her introduction, which is why Limbaugh called it, "a partial victory for religious freedom." Rachel was well within her rights to sing the song without changing the references to God as she was told to do by her principal and to discuss her faith with the audience before she sang.

What's more, students, if not the faculty, should be allowed to hold prayer services and promote their faith in public schools without being hassled by an administrator. Unfortunately, it seems many people have developed an anathema towards the faithful, particularly those of the Christian faith, because of what they are being taught in public school up through college as well.

Although I was raised Catholic, I cannot say that I truly believe there is a God and Jesus was His son. I am an agnostic, someone who neither confirms nor denies God. I want to believe in God, but I can imagine some atheist pompously crow that God is as tangible as Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny and that I should grow up.

I also would like to believe that Jesus of Nazareth was divine, but sometimes I wonder if he took advantage of our need to believe by coming up with a message that would no doubt appeal and make us accept him as our savior. In other words, sometimes I wonder if Jesus was actually a *liar*, but that thought makes me tremble seeing as how the church says that the key to salvation is accepting that Jesus died on the cross for our sins.

Yet no matter how many scientific theories there are explaining how the universe began, I cannot honestly believe that God didn't make it all happen. Even though it seems self-evident that the world was not created in seven days and that humans share a common ancestor with apes, it

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Commentary: Bush Has Got to Go

Originally, I stated that Iraq's situation was not going to be in an issue in my critique of Bush. However, this past week was a time in which Americans were especially hit hard by the events in Iraq. Let's break down the Iraq equation.

As many people were, I was completely disgusted by the beheadings of two American workers in Iraq. With those beheadings came Bush's speech to the U.N. and news that elections will be held in Iraq in January despite yet another surge of violence. In fact, Bush and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld have insisted that elections be held even if security cannot be secured throughout the country.

Does anyone else believe that fair elections can be held in Iraq even with the continuing violence? The insurgents have stepped up their attacks on Iraqi police recruitment posts and stations. One could only imagine the horror of an attack on an election toll. Remember when Bush landed his war plane on the aircraft carrier announcing major combat operations to be over?

Even after gloomy outlooks from his national security assessments, Bush insists that everything is going just peachy in Iraq. It is Bush's reluctance to face reality that is killing our men and women in Iraq. The fact of the matter is that Bush can not introduce new ideas to the war in Iraq because he is already on shaky ground for labeling Kerry as flip-flopper.

I said it. Let me say it even louder for you have labeled Kerry a flip-flopper, BUSH IS THE FLIP-FLOPPER. Think about it: Bush first said the reason to use pre-emptive use of force against Iraq was because it posed a clear and imminent threat through weapons of mass destruction. The weapons were never found. No imminent threat. Whoops! The intelligence community really goofed with that one. Instead of holding anyone accountable or admitting mistakes, let's make another reason for why we launched a war.

Then Bush says that Saddam presented a clear and present danger to the U.S. and its allies.

Saddam was captured, yet the violence swelled in Iraq. It is great that we removed a horrendous dictator, but Bush clearly did not specify why Hussein was the most harmful of dictators. Take a look at North Korea or Iran. Those countries make Saddam's so-called terrorist haven regime look like a baby chick. In fact, North Korea has a college set up designed to teach students how to carry out terrorist acts!!! (Critique of North Korea in an upcoming article)

Finally as of today, Bush says that spreading freedom in the Middle East is a good reason to use the lives of more than 1,000 U.S. soldiers and the mental anguish of the more than 7,000 wounded service men and women. The flip-flopping over the entire Iraq war is just another example of the Bush administration being decisive, no wait, I mean stubborn.

Never will Bush admit that he, Cheney, Rumsfeld and the other chicken-hawks, with the exception of Powell, that by rushing into war with Iraq without a real coalition and international support was the correct avenue.

Please do not argue that we have a strong coalition already assembled. That is hogwash. Other than the United Kingdom, there are no other viable forces in Iraq with us.

Kerry has good ideas for a messy misconceived war in Iraq. He wants to convene a summit with all of the major nations, including Middle East leaders. The summit would drum up support from other nations to deploy troops. How would this be done? Kerry believes that by offering some of the reconstruction contracts in Iraq, nations would no-doubt want to contribute their own share of peacekeepers.

Even if Bush held a summit described by Kerry, his credibility is virtually nil thanks to his gung-ho, Texan style perception and actions in the world. Bush is despised among the stronger powers. No I am not just referencing France, though they do matter like it or not. I am alluding to nations such as Germany, Russia and the rest of Europe.

Bush burned bridges when he invaded Iraq without the international

green-light. Even though most Americans disagree with having to receive a go-ahead from the United Nations, the fact of the matter of modern warfare and international relations is that for wars to be perceived as justified as in the case of the war on terrorism is that a war of the magnitude of Iraq, international support is an absolute necessary component for winning. Bush has now painted himself into a corner. Frankly, I do not think he deserves to be bailed out.

As childish as it may turn out, world leaders do not want to deal with Bush because they simply do not like him. They will, however, deal with Kerry because well, he is not Bush. See the situation: Kerry has a better chance of saving American troops because he is not Bush.

The war in Iraq is not an easy one. Bush has portrayed the situation as optimistic and easy-going. As U.S. soldiers and contractors are killed, the picture that the Bush administration paints for the world will be questioned even more. Bush is not strong on Iraq, just stubborn in resolve. It is time for the voter to recognize that fact.

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Also seems preposterous that matter simply created itself. Interestingly enough, my friends from CCM (Catholic Campus Ministry) who are actively involved in science have said that the more you look at it, God actually becomes more tangible.

Before I conclude this commentary, I must go back to the question about which of us college students is truly enlightened, and the answer is no one. Enlightenment, the state of being freed from ignorance, does not apply to any ideology. The bottom line is secular extremists are just as ignorant as religious extremists, even if they do have a different set of beliefs.

So, secular extremists cannot possibly be counted as enlightened, even though they like to think of themselves that way.

So I emailed MIC the link to the DNC's TV ad campaign, "Opera-

Conservative Corner

Recently I accused Dan Rather (and CBS) of presenting a fabricated story about Bush on "60 minutes", and I also accused CBS of colluding with the Democratic National Committee (DNC) as they developed their "report." A colleague, "MIC" (My Irritated Colleague), took exception to my collusion charge and accused me of bias. I freely admit it. I'm biased in favor of believing evidence rather than accepting opinions as truth.

MIC and I discussed the matter. Although claiming to be exceptionally well-informed about issues in the upcoming election, MIC, although completely unable to cite any supporting evidence, declared it was self-evident that Bush was an ignorant puppet who was completely controlled by Karl Rove. MIC also claimed that it was Rove who had fabricated the documents in the "60 Minutes" story. Why?

To keep people talking about the Vietnam era, rather than Bush's "failed" presidency, MIC said, "The hand of Rove is all over this, MIC declared. MIC's evidence? Why MIC's educated common sense, of course, since MIC claimed that the story helped divert attention from Bush's many failures as President. The story clearly benefits Bush, MIC said. Thus the DNC couldn't possibly be behind the documents. Hence my collusion charge was ignorant and false. Rove did it. Q.E.D.

I insisted that MIC had no evidence showing Rove had any involvement in the sloppy fabrication of the documents. I pointed out that the entire Kerry Convention had been devoted to promoting Kerry as a Vietnam War hero. Further, I argued that portraying Bush as a shirker during the same period was an ongoing Democratic strategy, entirely consistent with my "collusion" charge. MIC scoffed, and dismissed my argument as uninformed. I pointed out that the DNC had immediately followed the CBS story with a TV Ad campaign, which used the CBS footage. MIC hadn't seen any of this, and expressed skepticism that it even existed. MIC again noted that it didn't make sense for the DNC to do this since, in MIC's professional opinion, it helped Bush, not Kerry.

So I emailed MIC the link to the DNC's TV ad campaign, "Opera-

Favorite Son," an ongoing DNC effort in the battleground states (<http://www.democrats.org/news/200409140004.html>). The DNC TV spot, including the script, is laid out for all to see. I also sent MIC a copy of the DNC's e-mail, which made the same fabricated charges that CBS, only 27 hours earlier, had leveled against Bush. Apparently MIC's theory that "no-body except Bush benefitted" from this story was not shared by the uninformed, unprofessional strategists in the DNC. A self-proclaimed expert at web-surfing, MIC had somehow completely overlooked this DNC effort to smear Bush's Guard service. The DNC, obviously unaware of MIC's expert opinion, was actually doing all it could to spread the story - like manure.

I offered to attend MIC's class so that we could have a short debate concerning the matter of collusion between CBS and the DNC. MIC will likely decline and spare me the unpleasant consequences. After all, what would happen if MIC's students realized that my amateurish position was supported by evidence, and that MIC's expert opinion was pure speculation, opinion and prejudice? I could only have been embarrassed by a confrontation with this true expert in political matters.

I naively pointed out to MIC that it was in the American tradition to have evidence before accusing someone of misdeeds. MIC scoffed, "This is politics, not a courtroom." No wonder the campaign is so full of specious charges and counter-charges! MIC, a self-avowed expert, understands that spurious character assassination is natural and proper in politics, at least as long as it's directed toward the "right" candidates. Biased opinions based upon other biased opinions carry the same logical weight to MIC as do actual evidence. Well, perhaps this is so in MIC's mind and in MIC's classes - but not in mine. I'm biased, too. I believe evidence - not propaganda, prejudicial opinions and smoke and mirrors. MIC would never understand. MIC's voting for Kerry.

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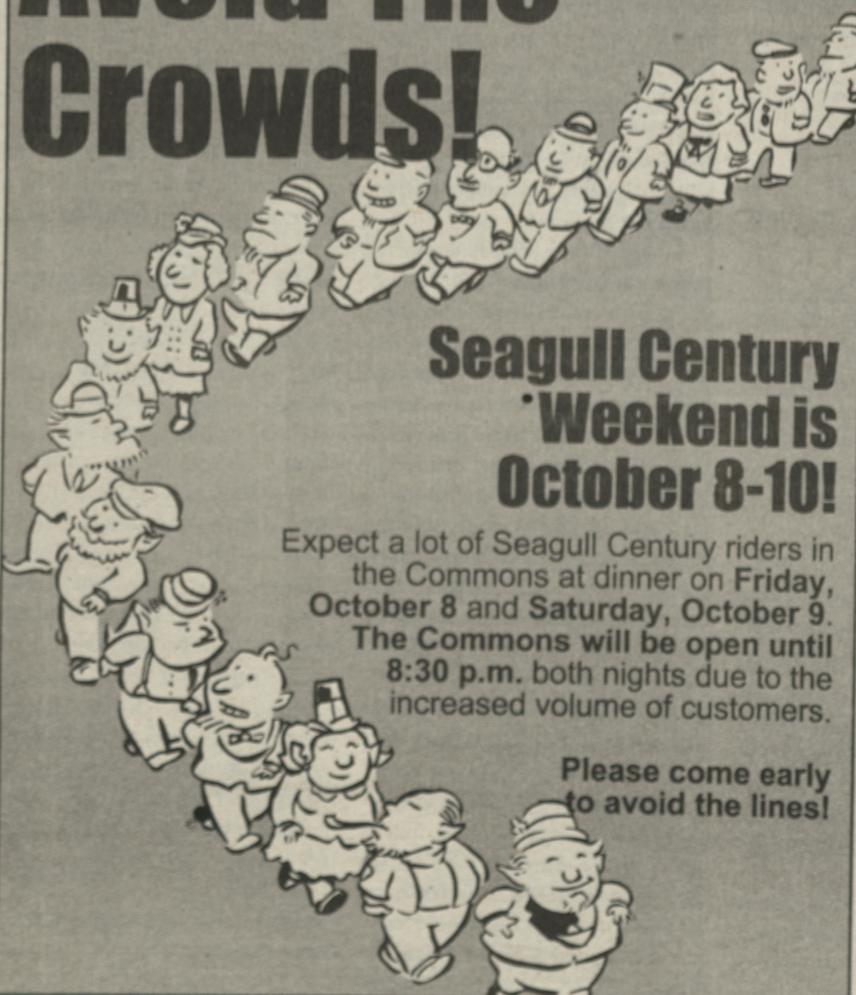


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SU students straddle the partisan political fence

By: John A. Heath
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With the presidential election coming up in November, and already one presidential debate completed, SU students are finding themselves stuck in the middle of a political quagmire. *The Flyer* recently spoke with several students who shared their opinions on the upcoming election and the recent debate.

Of 14 students interviewed, three were undecided but were leaning towards Bush. Two students were undecided but leaned towards Kerry. Two students were for Bush, five students were for Kerry and one student was undecided.

Sophomore Matt Lacher watched a few minutes of the debate. "Some of it doesn't interest me because a lot of it is, I guess I call it, crap. I didn't take an interest to it," said Lacher. "I've found myself to be conservative through tests that I took in History class."

Junior Mona Lisa Tinaza also watched some of the debate. "[John

Kerry] delivered his debate very well; he was very professional, a good debater," said Tinaza. "And he seems a little more decent out of the two. I would say lesser of the two evils, he's more decent compared to Bush."

Other students like freshman Nicki Bonebrake, are less sure for whom they're voting. "I'm almost positive that I'm voting for Kerry, it just made me mad that he's so negative about [the war]," said Bonebrake. "He kept saying how it's the wrong war at the wrong time. But with all the people that are there, that doesn't give them any positive reinforcement for them dying."

However, Bonebrake noted her opinion of the interaction of the candidates. "They both showed respect for each other on a personal level, I thought that was pretty cool," said Bonebrake.

Junior Lindsey Airy is leaning towards giving her vote to President Bush. "From what I've seen, Kerry

wouldn't put a stand on anything," said Airy. "I think Bush has done a pretty good job, considering what happened during his presidency."

Some students, like junior Eric Taylor said his opinion was slightly influenced by the debate. "[The debate] just kind of confirmed some of my previous thoughts. I'm a military child, less killing" [with] the war overseas and bring them home," said Taylor. "Definitely the stuttering and the reference to 'the valley of peace'," he answered when asked what was the most memorable aspect of the debate.

Freshman Mike Doyle has a differing opinion. "I'm for Bush definitely. He's a Christian man, that's very important. I like what he stands for," said Doyle. "It's also bad to change presidents when you're in the middle of a war. A different person shouldn't finish what someone else started."

Other students, like senior Leamon Tuttle took note of the physical appearance and manner-

isms of the candidates during the debate. "I think Kerry came out strong, as the quintessential statesman. Bush looked more like a suffocating trout. He quivered, he shook, he blinked his eyes a lot," said Tuttle.

Tuttle, a self-described liberal, is quick to point out his critique of both candidates. "[Kerry is] open to being incorrect which Bush is obviously not," said Tuttle. "One of Bush's centerpieces last night was the fact that, 'certainty is the prime virtue that a president must have regardless of whether he's right or wrong' and be damned anyone who says otherwise [or] questions him in any way."

According to student Von Siggers, the debate was a success. "The moderator was great; I thought the candidates were great," said Siggers. "Considering that there were 30 plus pages of restrictions, I was expecting a glorified political chit-chat."

When asked if she was partial to

either candidate, she said, "I'm trying to be open to both candidates. I'm trying to be as objective and unbiased as possible. I felt that Kerry answered a lot of the questions or dispelled a lot of the perceptions that have been perpetuated about him, such as his being inconsistent."

On the other hand, some students such as Jackie Bryl were of a differing opinion. "I did see Kerry as weaker," said Bryl. "I just couldn't watch it and actually listen to it and understand what he was saying as much as Bush. I intend to vote for Bush but I will keep my options open."

Political opinions vary greatly on campus, as seen from the results of interviews of a random group of people. While there are some students that have already decided on a candidate, other students are still unsure of whom to give their vote. The question remains, when November 2nd arrives, how many SU students will actually vote?

Christopher Columbus: Founder or Fraud?

By: Megan Wintersteen
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Columbus Day symbolizes many events which range from the discovery of America to a genocide of almost an entire race of people.

Every year Columbus Day has been celebrated with parades, banquets and dances in honor of Christopher Columbus, generally considered to be "the man who discovered America." Columbus, in reality, was no more responsible for the discovery of America than Pocahontas would be for the discovery of Great Britain.

Columbus was not the first person to settle in North America; this is evident because of the Native Americans that he and his crew "greeted" when they arrived. Beyond that, Columbus never set foot on this continent, nor did he open it up to European trade.

In all respects, the Vikings were the first people to discover America. First, because they were already here; and secondly, because they were already trading with European countries before Columbus arrived.

Technically, Giovanni Caboto, later known as John Cabot, was the first European explorer to thoroughly document his visit to North America. Although he arrived in 1497, five years after Columbus's supposed arrival, he was exploring North America while Columbus was still searching for India in the Caribbean.

With that being said, some apologists now wish to refer to Columbus Day as a celebration of the "great cultural encounter," implying that Columbus was the first person to interact with the Indians. Therefore, under this reputation, Columbus becomes an honest explorer, purely in search of knowledge; however, the historical records contradict this as well.

Columbus's voyage was funded by Queen Isabella of Spain, and in repayment, Columbus was to return with gold, spices and other things of value. However, when he arrived none of these tributes were to be found; therefore, he chose the next best thing: the Native Americans.

Columbus seized 1,200 Taino Indians from the island of Hispaniola,

stuffed as many slaves onto his ships as possible and sent them to Spain, reimbursing his debt to the Queen with human lives.

Since there were more Native American slaves than he was able to transport, he put them to work in mines and plantations. For entertainment, his crew would hunt them for sport and use them as food for their hunting dogs. Columbus killed or exported one-third of the original Native American population of 300,000.

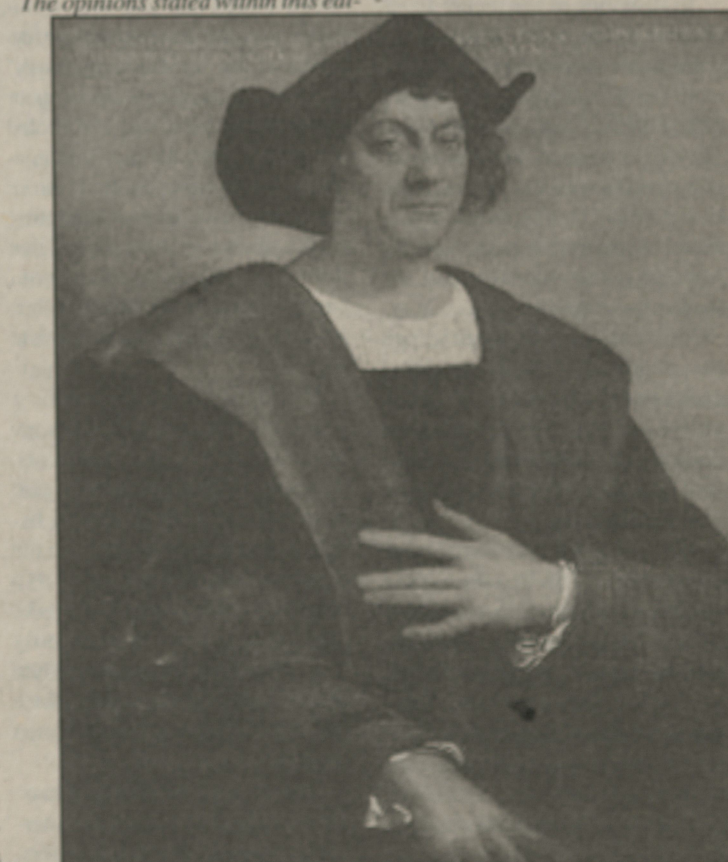
So, is Columbus Day really a day for celebration? Only two men are honored with federal holidays befitting their names. In January, the United States celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr., a man who truly deserves such recognition for his profound influence on society and its civil rights. In October, however, America celebrates Christopher Columbus, the man who opened the slave trade and demonstrated anything but a knowledge and understanding of man's intrinsic right for equality and freedom.

Ultimately, every holiday celebrated within the United States has honorable meaning. However,

for 31 years America has been celebrating a massacre.

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torial do not necessarily reflect those of the *Flyer* staff.



Christopher Columbus' discovery of America is often questioned. Internet Photo

Overheard: What is Columbus Day?

By: Lindsey Richman and Abby Smith



In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue.
Cassie Schneider, Sophomore



The day Columbus sailed the ocean blue.
Tom Dicato, Sophomore



Save it for Christmas so we can have the day off.
Jamie Cugler, graduate student



Celebrating the second finding of America.
Danny McGinnis, junior



Columbus' birthday!
Katelyn Fawley, Sophomore



Columbus day is a Monday. Monday October 11. It is the day Columbus landed in America.
Matt Giby, Sophomore



It commemorates when Columbus came in 1492 to discover the new world. And my dad's birthday!
Chris Beil, Senior



A holiday where Columbus founded America.
Danielle Siemen, Sophomore



Christopher Columbus.
Marc Noll, Junior



Columbus discovered America even though Native Americans were here first.
Megan McMenamin, Junior

SU Real Campus Heroes V2 Pt5: Mr. Crazy Liberal Dude and Mr. Kooky Conservative Guy

By: John A. Heath
Features Editor

In dishonor of the recent Presidential debate, today we present a joint salute to you, Mr. Crazy Liberal Dude and you, Mr. Kooky Conservative Guy. As few forces have ever been so far from reaching a common ground, the magnificent political conflagration of your hate-hate relationship has been the topic of much entertainment, debate and annoyance.

One would have to mine through the annals of SU history to find such a political polarization of students on campus, but you two have certainly showed the rest of the student populace what it truly means to go to extremes.

Mr. Crazy Liberal Dude, your innovative, low-maintenance wardrobe serves as a façade which hides a bulging intellect and suggests no outward appearance of the true power that lies within. Adamantly opposed to the status quo and catastrophically offended by the current presidency, you never fail to wear your freedom of speech like a badge of honor. It is quite likely that you will never be satisfied with the state of the nation.

As a self-proclaimed zealot for social issues and anti-war sentiment, you are the picture perfect image of the "anybody but Bush" campaign. Your daily outpouring of indisputable facts and chronicled research is normally met with apathetic looks from students more concerned with what scintillating reality shows will be shown that week. On the other hand, your counterpart can be easily understood by anyone taking the time to listen.

Mr. Kooky Conservative Guy, your early 20th century ideals are unfathomable to your opponents. Sporting a future politician's garb in an outward display of your beliefs or conversely hiding it in the closet for fear of being outted as a conservative student, you make sure to state your opinion only when directly asked, and even then you skirt around the issues like a tiny Super Mario avoiding koopa troopers.

Fearing perhaps that gay marriage would lead to humans marrying monkeys or even toasters, you stand a firm ground cemented

by non-wavering core beliefs. After all, it is more important for one to be steadfast and always certain of oneself, the truth is rarely of importance. Anyone with solid American values would certainly admire your conviction, especially when confronted with cold hard facts contradictory to your views.

When the two of you happen to share a poli-sci class, it becomes a no-holds barred oratorical combat to death. Your use of clever metaphors, historical examples and big words, Mr. Crazy Liberal Dude, has little effect on your fellow students, as they feel you are speaking down to them, and, quite frankly, cannot understand you.

On the other hand, Mr. Kooky Conservative Guy, your Dubya-influenced mindset and demeanor appeals to most of the moderate students in the class. Of course, Mr. Kooky, your unimposing down-home nature will always win a sympathy vote from a few of the more sensitive students or faculty members. Even though your argument isn't as coherent as your counterpart's, your facial expressions and emotional hand gestures

clearly state your point, "We've gotta keep on truckin' over that hill until we get to that valley of peace."

No one loves peace more than you, Mr. Kooky, and you reassure everyone that a conservative President will continue to drive that jackhammer of peace right down the deserving throats of Iraqis until they are crying tears of freedom. You are a true freedom lover and have a bitter distaste for freedom haters.

Your immensely differing opinions are admirable personality traits. Regardless of who wins the election this November (or January), the campus will be relieved when your American Gladiator-inspired theatrics quiet to a dull roar. So, as long as you don't drink from the same brand of beer, for fear of admitting to having similar tastes, take some time to throw back a few brews, as we salute you Mr. Crazy Liberal Dude and Mr. Kooky Conservative Guy.



Illustration by John Heath

Student opinion varies on controversial club

By: Lindsey Richman
Staff Writer

G.O.T. - what is this all about? Students on campus who were interviewed were unaware as to what G.O.T. stands for and others looked up in confusion. "Girls on Top" has grown in size since its inception last semester; however, not everyone on campus is pleased with the organization. Some members of sororities have their own views on what G.O.T. is all about.

"[Girls on Top is a] joint community working to make lifelong friends," said President Kristy Hoffmann.

According to one member of an SU sorority, "[G.O.T.] is trying too hard to portray themselves as like the opposite of a sorority but really they are exactly like one."

"What's the problem with a group who helps out the community? We are not set on a single philanthropy, we are set on many," said Hoffman. "We don't have rituals. We do not have any Greek letters. We do not rush or pledge."

G.O.T.'s roster last semester included 55 members while there are already 100 members this semester, with one male member. Recently, over eighty people attended a meeting in the fireside lounge.

Another sorority member stated, "[I am] neutral [I] understand both sides."

Yet another member shared her opinion. "I don't like them. Many people in sororities feel the same way," she said. "They seem to be making-up rituals, carrying around bags, basically participating in the same things as sororities, yet they claim to be different from us. It seems as if they are mocking us in some way."

G.O.T. generates an equal amount of acceptance.

"I think it's cool that anyone can get together and hang-out. I like that there are no pre-determined requirements," said Nick Loffer.

Tim Shelton also gave his opinion on them, "I am all for G.O.T.!" Another male student Akin Oeri stated, "Good for them!"

Many SU students believe that G.O.T. has good qualities; for example, membership is open to anyone. While sororities choose their members, G.O.T. lets anyone join. The idea of inclusion appeals to some when considering whether or not to join the club.



Girls On Top is a group at SU that has caused quite a stir among students. G.O.T. Members: L to R (bottom): Melanie Moven, Kim Glowack, Stephanie Hoehn, Meghan Love (top): Kristi Hoffmann & Megan White. Flyer Photo by: Kat Hess

Heather Holmes, a representative of the Scarborough Leadership House said, "I know the one male member better than the female members. Student Activities is open to working with them," said Holmes. "I haven't had the opportunity to know many of the members. I look forward to getting to know them and any group on campus for that matter."

Student Kristin Martin has opposing views on the subject.

"I think that they should be allowed to do what they are doing," said Martin. "However, I don't like the fact that they write G.O.T. all over the sidewalks. It's as if they are flaunting the fact that they made 'their own' sorority. I don't like that idea. However I think that girls in 'real' sororities are making way too big a deal about it."

Some may allege that G.O.T. did not participate in extensive work for the community. However this year the Humane Society praised G.O.T. on their community work. In this club there is no rushing,

pledging, or denial of anyone who would like to become a member. Hoffmann summarized the benefits of G.O.T. - "you can make life long friends," she said.

The question most asked to Hoffmann is what inspired her to create this group.

"I was bored," said Hoffmann. "I wanted to get involved and I tried out being in a sorority and I just did not like it. I wanted to do something that was new and different."

G.O.T. is here at Salisbury University for as long as students want to participate in it. A written constitution was constructed, thus allowing G.O.T. to continue after junior Kristi Hoffmann and Vice President, Meghan White graduate. Projects have already been completed to raise money for the community. Currently they are participating in helping out the St. Jude Fund. Each member of G.O.T. donates one dollar towards the St. Jude fund to help out diabetic children.

According to Hoffman, the name

G.O.T. originated from a group of republican women who were trying to elect a woman president. G.O.T. signifies the statement, "girls on top of the world." However many students had the outright reaction that the name is sexual and misleading and should not be allowed. One female student said, "How could they expect to be taken seriously by having a name like that?"

New students and former G.O.T. members returned for the main purpose of supporting and contributing to the club. The group participates in socials with sports clubs, fraternities, and other clubs. There are \$30 dues each month for members to pay that go towards community service and socials. Each member has to do at least two community service projects in order to stay a member of G.O.T.

In response to hearing of G.O.T. dues, one student not in the club said, "Most of the money is contributed towards alcohol not the community."

Former ZTA pledge Lauren Youmara expressed her differing opinion on the matter.

"I like the idea of G.O.T. They are a group of wonderful girls they are genuinely nice and represent what they stand for," said Youmara. "I was even thinking about joining because there are not as many pressures put on by some other similar groups/clubs."

Since there are so many girl members cliques do occur at times. But to balance things out this group has a girl's night. G.O.T. appears to be increasing membership and clearing their name of negative connotations. According to Hoffmann, Girls on Top worked hard to win over the SGA and is looking to have a great time and make a difference in the community.

The clash of opinions as to what G.O.T. really stands for appears to be all over campus. Some sororities members may clash with G.O.T. and these rivalries will likely continue.

Student Spotlight: A question and answer session with Briann Trombetta

By: Rebecca Hudson and Jonathan Howard
Staff Writers

Hailing from Harford County, MD, Senior Briann Trombetta is SGA President and a double major in accounting and Spanish. She says here favorite places in Salisbury are the zoo and the park.

Why did you decide to get involved in SGA?

I wanted to be involved on campus and I realized that SGA was the best way to do that. "Not only did I get to learn about the ins and outs of Salisbury University, but I was able to learn about other organizations and became a part of them as well.

What issue on campus most concerns you?

The budget problem and how it affects students is a main [concern] because it has an impact on other issues such as diversity. As many people know the University has had to increase tuition because of state

funding being cut. This creates a greater financial burden on students. I also believe it cuts down on the diversity of students who attend our institution because as tuition increases, the pool of students who can afford to come here decreases. I do think that our university has dealt with the budget problem very well and tried to keep the impact on students to a minimum.

What do you like most about SU?

By far the most appealing thing for me are the people here. Ever since my first tour of SU the people on this campus have been some of the nicest I've met and that has led to a fantastic college experience for me. I get this sense of community when I step onto campus, and that is something I haven't found when I have visited friends at other schools.

Besides rocking the SGA, what other activities are you involved in?

I'm also involved in Beta Alpha Psi, the Spanish Club, the Honor Student Association, Relay for

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Life, and numerous other honor societies.

What (currently) is your favorite song?

Pieces of Me by Ashlee Simpson.

Favorite band?

This is going a little old school but its Bon Jovi.

What would people be surprised to learn about you?

That I went to Spain this summer and it was my first time to be out of the country.

What inspires you and why?

My friends because they always have great ideas and encourage me to follow up on mine.

Who has been the biggest influence at SU and why?

There are two people: Heather Holmes and Carol Williamson. I know that I can go to either one of them whenever I need help with something or need to bounce ideas off of someone and they will do their best to help me. They both give good advice and have taught me so much about leadership and about myself.

Do you follow football, and if so



who is your favorite team?

I do a little bit and my favorite team is the Packers.

What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

Cookie dough.

College fashion: better dressed means better confidence

By: Amber C. Smith
Staff Writer

Fashion. It's a topic most college students could care less about. However, it's a topic that Hollywood is all about! So what is the big deal with fashion and why aren't many college students interested in the topic? An increased understanding of the benefits to being better dressed will likely increase student interest in fashion.

College students' lives are already overwhelmed with research papers, presentations and especially decisions on which parties they should grace with our presence. No doubt, the idea of actually coordinating a fashionable outfit to wear to class seems impractical. But, what if, they were to cast aside their everyday SU hoodies, sweat pants or their utmost beautiful plaid pajamas and actually wear something to class that is, well, in style.

Of course, this would require students to wake up at least an hour before their first class to prepare

accordingly. Who knows, perhaps student participation level in class would sky rocket, or maybe, they would feel more confident as a student of Salisbury University.

Rob Baird, a junior at SU explains his opinion of college fashion. "You feel better when you look nice. You get a lot of attention from females as well," said Baird. Dressing nice and "fashionably correct" helps to boost self esteem and may rub off on fellow classmates. The next thing you know, you've received tons of compliments all because you decided to style your hair and actually appear to be awake.

Ladies, please do not feel abandoned. For there are several of you that, like your male counterparts, seem to ignore the fact that it is permissible to look presentable, even on a college campus.

Senior Sarah Vargo expresses her joy in dressing "fashionably correct" this semester. "I have had an ultimate confidence boost this semester, partly because of my new

acne medication which has inspired me to dress well and be proud of my outer appearance as well as my intellectual abilities," said Vargo.

Ladies, just because you may feel like crap doesn't mean you must look the part. Who knows, if you spruce it up a bit, by the end of the day you probably will have forgotten why you were even feeling so blue.

"Clothes are a reflection of your personality and whatever makes you happy you should wear," said Vargo. One might venture to propose this question to fellow SU students, "What statement are we truly trying to make about our personality and confidence level?"

Maybe the Old Navy commercials are over-exaggerating the reactions students have in class when they are dressed to impress. However, the next time that person enters an 8 a.m. class dressed as if he or she has come from a New York Fashion Show, just take a minute to compare his or her confidence level to "Bob the Slob" who sits diagonally from you.

A&E

Shaun of the Dead alive and well in limited release

By: Kat Hess
Photo Editor

Just when I began to think the fall was shaping up to be a bunch of misses, one amazing hit came my way—*Shaun of the Dead*, directed by Edgar Wright. The movie was showing in a limited release last week and if it continues to do well at the box office, it will receive more screens to show on.

The film centers around Shaun (Simon Pegg who also co-wrote the film with the director), the everyman, the guy everyone either knows or has seen. He is stuck in a job that is populated with teenagers, he cannot seem to please his girlfriend, Liz (Kate Asford), and his roommate, Ed (Nick Frost), is constantly luring him away from his responsibilities.

With the main focus on Shaun, zombies that are beginning to populate England go almost unnoticed. As demonstrated wonderfully in the opening, the daily routines people go through are enough to make us look like zombies without actually being one. Eventually Shaun does realize what is going on, and the movie follows him and his friends as they are trying to survive.

What I loved so much about this film was the fact that it took the B-

movie horror genre, which has churned out bad flick after bad flick, and put a new spin on it. The whole movie mocks itself and all of its predecessors but at the same time manages to not be one big joke. For once, the "hero" really has no idea what he is doing. He is a skinny, white British guy, who does not even know how to properly aim a gun. He rises to the challenge as leaders while grasping at straws every second. In truth, this film feels very much like what would occur if zombies really did start popping up. In most movies, somehow the hero automatically knows. Yet at their first sighting, Shaun and Ed assume they are drunk. In fact, when the news is breaking on the television set, Shaun flips right past it to find something more interesting on (this also leads into a fun gag with the changing of the channels). Moreover, when the time comes, neither of the leads has any understanding of how to kill a zombie, and they have to settle for experimenting.

On top of the slightly realistic view (as much as one can get with a zombie flick), the overall execution of the film was fun and intelligent—the stylistic choices of quick cuts to get an idea across, the



An unlikely hero rises in *Shaun of the Dead*. Internet photo.

zombie make-up, music, quirks the characters had, how the ending played out. The list is quite long. However, with all the good, there were a couple of bad spots. The main problem I had with the film, and it is minor, is one extremely graphic death. The majority of the film had somewhat less gore and

downplayed violence, yet near the end, for no purpose, was an all out ripping fest of the human body.

Also a joke fell flat when a white male used the 'n' word in reference to his all white friends. I have never seen that joke work, and I do not think I ever will. There were a couple other very modest flaws

within *Shaun of the Dead* but as small as they were, I do not see the need in pointing them out.

In the next couple of weeks, if this movie does not open up in Salisbury, I suggest looking up times in Ocean City or another city nearby. Or, if anything, be sure to rent it when it hits DVD.

Ode to Buffett and the Coral Reefer Band

By: Tiffany Chestnut
A&E Editor

I was frightened the other day by the realization that there are people in this world who have never heard of Jimmy Buffett. By that, I do not mean people who live in third world countries without the luxuries of Bayliners, carnauba wax and little umbrellas in their coconuts. I mean random guys in bars singing "Margaritaville" on karaoke night who have no clue what the song is, who sings it and have never heard the phrase "it's five o'clock somewhere." This scares me.

Why should the world be enlightened about the pirate from Pascagoula? Here are a few good reasons:

He writes songs devoted to margaritas and songs that embody the philosophies of beach bums

everywhere. Whether he's blowing out a flip-flop or searching for his shaker of salt to the beat of what I have discovered is a marimba (thank you, Brian Basner), Buffett's lyrics evoke images of sun-baked sailors, windblown beauties and island natives playing steel drums.

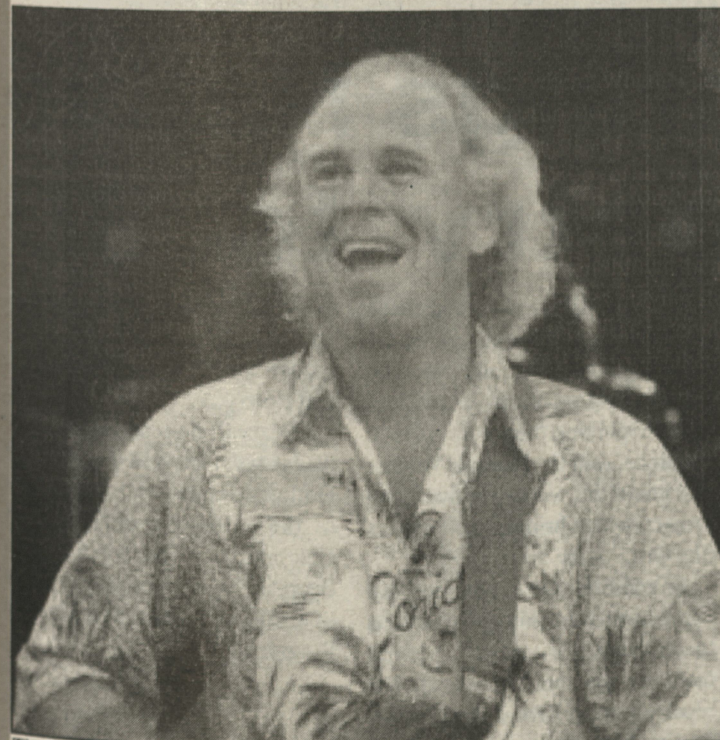
Also, not many people can say they have been mistaken for a drug smuggler (along with U2's Bono), had their plane shot at by police and have lived to write a song about it. The next time you are downloading music, try "Jamaica Mistake" for a laugh. True story.

With things like that going on, he needs a sense of humor and he has one. To proposition a woman, he would play her a version of "Let's Get Drunk (and Screw)" from his album A White Sport Coat and a Pink Crustacean. When it

comes to the albums, they have names like Beach House on the Moon and Off to See the Lizard. Few people have the ability to sing songs like "Trying to Reason with Hurricane Season" or "My Head Hurts, My Feet Stink, and I Don't Love Jesus" straight-faced or the humor to write them. The titles alone say it all. And let's not forget that his back-up band is called the Coral Reefers.

Lastly, he should inspire love from any given college student. Buffett is an alumnus of the University of Southern Mississippi (with a bachelor's in history and journalism), a member of Kappa Sigma and has his own brand of tequila.

Now I feel I have done my duty of enlightening the masses. Cheeseburger in paradise, anyone?



Though Buffett is a legend, there are still some unaware to his existence. Internet photo

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Kat's Rant of the Week

By: Kat Hess
Photo Editor

Usually if I see a movie and there is a really strong performance in it, I will look up the actor afterwards and check out some more of his or her films. Some of the time this leads me to discovering some fabulous little known movies, or someone to look forward to seeing more from in the future. However, this can also lead to a lot of disappointment. To find either a) the actor had maybe one or two good performances or b) the actor has suffered from extreme bad luck.

For instance, I recently discovered the movie *Boondock Saints* and was rather impressed with Sean Patrick Flanery, after renting a handful of his movies, I have discovered he falls into category B. I really am not sure I know which is worse, finding an amazing actor who is in mostly bad movies with a few good ones mixed in, or an actor you were impressed with, who fails in every other work he's done. Acting is a very tough gig to get into, and stay in, but it is just such a complete shame to see talent go to waste, especially when it could be put to good use. There are so many bad actors out there getting good roles, the whole thing is just slightly depressing after while. Perhaps casting directors should pay more attention to talent than to pretty young faces.

Jewish heritage exhibit rated as a must-see

By: Abby Smith
Staff Writer

The latest exhibit in the Fulton Gallery is entitled, "We Call This Place Home: Jewish Life in Maryland's Small Towns." The exhibition, which runs through Nov. 5, provides a comprehensive overview of the trials and experiences of Jewish people who immigrated to the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The exhibit is divided into several sections, which illuminate a specific aspect of Maryland's Jewish history.

Interactive features, such as the "Would You Make it as a Small-town Jew?" quiz, bring to life struggles the new immigrants dealt with such as fitting in, preserving their heritage and customs, and forging a new identity for themselves among the predominantly Gentile community. A series of questions are posted at each display within the exhibit; participants can use a scorecard kept to track of their results from each series of questions. The total is used to determine if the visitor has the qualities that would be beneficial to successfully acclimate to being a first-generation Jewish citizen on the Eastern Shore. Another display features a short video presentation of interviews with Jewish residents in Maryland's small towns.



Above is a display in the Jewish Art Exhibit which is now open. Flyer Photo by Kat Hess

Although the main focus of the exhibition seems to be on the early immigrants and their difficulties, it does acknowledge the fact that it is still a struggle to keep the Jewish faith and practices alive in small towns such as Salisbury. Although it is still new to the University, "We Call This Place Home" has already received praise and accolades.

The guest book in the museum is already filled with hundreds of positive comments from visitors,

many of whom traveled from other cities on the Eastern Shore to experience this first-of-its-kind exhibit. One guest wrote: "I think that when you live in an area where everyone is the same... you take your heritage for granted. But when you live in an area where there are very few Jews, your heritage becomes the basis for the way you live your life."

This exhibit is not only informative and thought provoking

but is also timely, coming to SU just days after two important Jewish holidays, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Well-organized and clearly laid-out, this exhibit is a must-see. For persons of Jewish and non-Jewish faith alike, "We Call This Place Home" affords a unique insight in to the history and heritage of some of our neighbors here on the Eastern Shore.

Simon Ortiz brings Native American poetry to SU

By: Devika Strother
Staff Writer

Native American history is one of endurance, resistance and achievement. Writers and storytellers such as Simon Ortiz have preserved the language, beliefs and traditions that were at risk of being lost.

Ortiz, now an Acoma Pueblo native, was born on May 27, 1941 in Albuquerque, N.M. He began writing in his first language, Keres, and incorporating Native American culture into his works. He studied

at the University of New Mexico and later earned his M.F.A. as an International Writing Fellow at the University of Iowa's Writer's School in 1969.

Since then, he has composed essays, poems and books, some of which were designed to teach children about Native American culture and history. Ortiz has received quite a lot of praise and recognition for his efforts and talent.

"I admire Simon J. Ortiz's incantatory celebrations of nature,

his staccato lines and his insistence on naming places and creatures, including human creatures, thereby acknowledging their sacredness and recognizing their vital roles in creation," said Dr. Michael Waters, director of the Writers on the Shore Project, which brings noted writers like Ortiz to the area.

In addition, Ortiz has received many awards for his contributions to children's literature, poetry, memoirs and short stories. He has received honors from the Western States Arts Federation and the

Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers, and has been honored at the White House Salute to American Poets and Poetry.

Ortiz will be reading his works on Friday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Holloway Hall auditorium as part of the cultural event series "A Celebration of Native American Peoples," sponsored by the Office of Cultural Affairs and Museum Programs.

Tiff's Top Five: Twisted Relationships

By: Tiffany Chestnut
A&E Editor

This week, to balance the tone of the "Top Five Songs to Get Lucky" column, I impart the top five songs for twisted relationships. These are about the ones that really hurt; for every messed up person out there, who has been trampled by love, impaled by Eros' arrow and cursed by the gods of fate, I give you solace. These are the songs to help you wallow in your despair.

Songs five and four lament the men in our lives in two different ways.

Mary Prankster's ditty "The World is Full of Bastards" from the *Roulette Girl* album lays it out. She embodies in this song every female in the world who has taken all she can and is this close (-) to going on a mass neutering spree. This song is great any time for a laugh, but it's a stellar number for those times when you want to kick something. "The world is full of bastards," Mary says, "and I've dated every one." If you like the angry sounds of Flogging Molly or The Pogues, I highly recommend Mary.

Number four, "Darker Days of Me and Him" from PJ Harvey's *Uh Huh Her* album, says, "I'll pick up the pieces/ I'll carry on somehow/ [I'll] tape the broken parts together/ and limp this love around." This is for that acceptance stage where you no longer want to jump off a very high place and get it over with but would rather crawl into a hole and lick your wounds.

To be fair to the guys, because we all know there are the women out there who give us a bad name too, there are songs like "Your Boyfriend Sucks" by the Ataris' *Blue Skies, Broken Hearts *Next 12 Exits* CD. This is one of those songs about the sensitive type we all want, but never seem to date. The best, most summative lyrics are the last stanza: "Finally got the nerve to tell you/ how much you mean to me/ You said that I was your best friend/ a real sweet guy/

but that's all I'd ever be." Now the question is, why don't we date this guy, as opposed to the one who inspires songs like Mary Prankster's?

Then, of course, there's the song for obsessive stalkers everywhere. Morrissey's "The More You Ignore Me (The Closer I Get)" from his album *Vauxhall and I*, is enough to send anyone screaming for a restraining order just from the title alone. Yet the king of all that is melancholy pushes that much further. "I am now a central part of your mind's landscape whether you care or do not," he says, "yes, I've made up your mind." And it's time to move to a new zip code.

If there was another contender for the number two spot on this list though, it would be Three Days Grace's number "I Hate Everything About You." It just gets right to the heart of the bitterness so succinctly and works for almost any miserable breakup.

Finally, the number one song on the list is the anthem for abused women everywhere. While it may be a tad on the extreme, the Dixie Chicks' "Goodbye Earl" (from the *Fly* album) expresses everything the world would love to do to the spirit-breaking bottom-dwellers, while at the same time making us thankful for our comparatively small problems.

An honorable mention for this list is Mary J. Blige's "Not Gon' Cry" from both the soundtrack for *Waiting to Exhale* and her CD *Share My World*. "Eleven years I've sacrificed, and you can leave me at the drop of a dime," her lyrics mourn the time she's wasted and emit strains of anger at the futility.

Also deserving a place is Martina McBride's "Independence Day" from her *The Way That I Am* LP. It's yet another song about a woman who takes all she can from an abusive relationship before lighting up her husband's world. Literally.

Mother Earth Beat drums up an audience

By: Lindsey Richman
Staff Writer

The Mother Earth Beat Drum Circle is a mixture of various Native American Tribes, all coming together in one circle, and last Friday night they came together at SU's Red Square. Among the tribes present were: Cherokee, Shawnee, Delaware and Navajo and each was represented by a different drummer.

The circle itself represents the mother's womb, whereas each drumbeat symbolizes the heartbeat inside the womb. The group travels the world celebrating the Mother Earth that they worship and stresses taking care of the environment.

"One cigarette butt can kill a squirrel right off the bat," said one member of the circle.

As people sat in a circle and beat their drums to a harmonious rhythm, others danced around them, and still more were smoking tobacco that according to one demonstrator is "unlike the tobacco in cigarettes." Instead, he said, his tobacco is made out of sweet grass and cedar.

At one point, the circle leader stopped to explain to the audience that they were doing different dances to honor women, such as the lady's traditional dance, in which the women wore buckskins.

Some time later, everyone stopped dancing except the children. The drums kept on beating and the kids continued the dance. These children wore costumes with lots of feathers and carried tomahawks. These



The Mother Earth Beat gathered together many different Native American tribes at SU's Red Square. Flyer Photo by Peter Staubs.

most of the audience got off their seats and started dancing barefoot around Red Square.

"This is awesome," said Jessica Whelan, an SU student. "I like all the cultural events this semester." I worked with June Krell-Salgado [director of Cultural Affairs and Museum Projects]. This event was only supposed to have five representatives of Native American culture, but June expanded it."

Shawn Sanders, an SU student and member of the Lanape tribe agreed.

"This event will bring more knowledge of our culture," he said. "[People] don't have much knowledge of Native Americans." The only knowledge they have is that we were killed off."

The Mother Earth Beat circle event is part of an ongoing series of cultural events on campus called "A Celebration of Native American Peoples."



Mother Earth Beat took place last Friday in the Red Square. Flyer Photo by Peter Staubs.

Student Athlete Spotlight: Bill Whittington

By Aaron Boker
Staff Writer

The Salisbury men's soccer team has a 1-0 lead in the second half against St. Mary's. The Sea Gulls are in need of another goal to create a safer cushion on the scoreboard. The opportunity strikes when the ball is passed to junior forward Bill Whittington. Whittington has an open lane to the net.

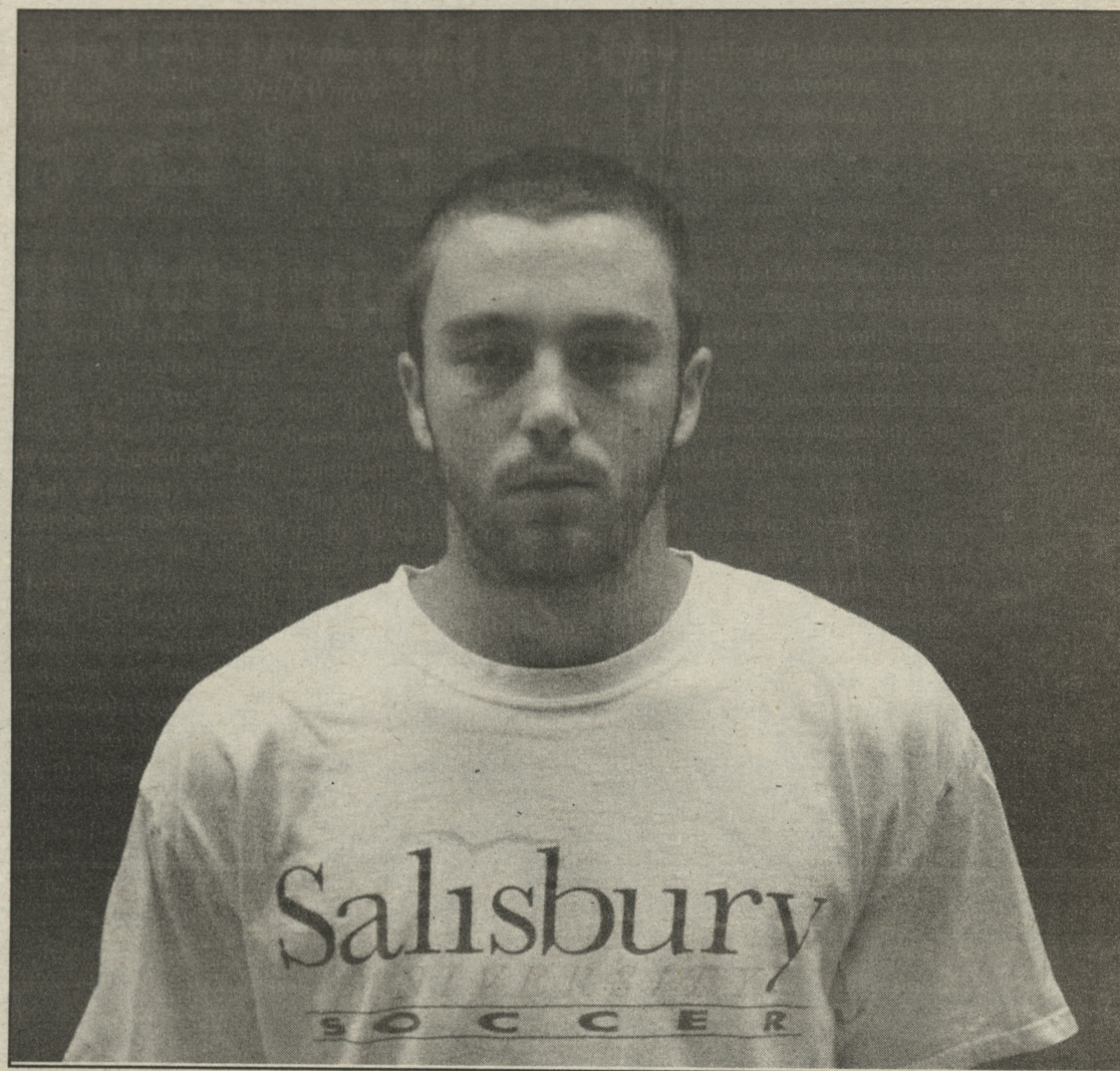
It looks like Whittington will take a shot at the net against a goalie ready to defend it; but he opts to lob it to his left to teammate and "Partner in Crime" Chris Mills who heads it in for the score, leaving the goalie dumbfounded.

The quick decision-making Whittington used expresses the knowledge for the game he has in

key situations. "[Whittington is a] certain player that has an ability to know when to score, when to shoot and not to shoot and how to use his body," head coach Gerry DiBartolo said.

Whittington's knowledge of the game can be credited to him playing soccer ever since he was five years old. Some of his experience includes playing for Potomac Falls High School in Sterling, Va. and club soccer with the Sterling Scorpions.

Whittington has put that soccer intelligence to good use to help lead the offensive scoring attack with seven goals and four assists and is tied for a team high 18 points. Whittington has helped guide the Sea Gulls to an 8-0-1 record and No. 3 ranking in the National



Whittington, a long-time soccer player, adds extra talent to the already successful SU soccer team. Flyer photo by Kevin Froehlich.

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The success Whittington is having on the field could not have been possible without overcoming a major setback. Last season against Marymount, Whittington tore his ACL, an injury that required season ending surgery and forced him to watch the Sea Gulls reach the NCAA quarterfinals from the sideline.

It was a devastating way to end the season, but it was Whittington's strong work ethic that got him back on the field. His off-season was filled with four brutal months of rehab, training two to three times a week while also participating in spring soccer. "It was a lot of work, but it was the only option," Whittington said.

Whittington's hard work to overcome this obstacle has carried onto the field in both practice and games and has left an impression on the team. "When I go out [on to the field], I try and play physical

so everyone can see it and try to catch on," Whittington said.

The intense workout patterns that followed Whittington's surgery have led to improvements in his game. Running everyday has increased his speed, which is now known to give opponents headaches. "[He has] the ability to defend when we lose the ball. His speed wins a lot of head balls," DiBartolo said.

Whittington's great speed along with his hard work, physical play and tenacity makes him stand out on the team. He is even being compared to some of the great forwards that have played under DiBartolo over the years.

As much personal success Whittington has had on the field and in the box scores, his main focus is on the team's success and goals of bringing home a third straight Capital Athletic Conference championship and advancing further into the NCAA tournament in November, no matter what it takes.

Surprises and Disappointments of the NFL's First 3 Weeks

By Jeff Mizia
Staff Writer

Well the NFL season is about one-fifth of the way through for most of the teams and just like every year, there are some huge surprises and disappointments after just three weeks of hard-nosed football.

We start with the disappointments, and the biggest one by far is one of my Super Bowl teams in the Kansas City Chiefs. If you want to see how not to play defense just watch one defensive series of a Chiefs game, as opponents have scored a league high 86 points against their terrible defense. I'm a huge Chief supporter, even though apparently Dick Vermeil didn't watch last year's divisional playoff game

against the Colts when they couldn't force one punt. Looks like it could be a long year for Priest Holmes and company unless they can pull off a big win over Baltimore.

Another huge disappointment has to be the Green Bay Packers. Yes, they've had some tough games thus far and they did look very impressive against the Panthers, but there's just no excuse in losing to a rebuilding Bears team at home. Furthermore, sitting in last place in a division that should be theirs is unacceptable for a team with one of the best quarterback-running back tandems in the NFL of Brett Favre and Ahman Green.

Two other teams that I expected more out of this year are the 0-3 Bucs and the 1-2 Bengals. I mean, after just missing the playoffs

you'd expect the Bengals to not be sitting in last place in a wide-open division. Maybe Coach Marvin Lewis should start warming up Jon Kitna because Carson Palmer, although looking really good at times, just can't end a game like Cincinnati fans want him to.

Though I didn't have them in the playoffs, I'd expect at least one win from a decent football team like Tampa Bay. Apparently the organization might be getting one of those high draft picks back that they gave up for Coach Jon Gruden. And speaking of disappointments, Kennan McCardell get off your couch and come help your team out.

Like every early NFL start there are always a few surprises. The Jacksonville Jaguars are for sure a surprise with a 3-0 record even

though they have no offense thus far. The defense has been sharper than even expected and with late minute wins this could be a tough team to beat. Atlanta (3-0), the Giants (2-1) and Detroit (2-1) are three other huge surprises. However, if you're a fan of these teams don't get too excited as they have virtually beaten nobody. Out of these three teams their only true test has been the Eagles and both New York and Detroit got smashed by them, showing they just might not be contenders yet. I must say though, that I originally thought that the G-Men might only win four or five games, but now it looks as if they might beat out Dallas and Washington for second in the division.

For once, three of my four Super Bowl favorites - Philadelphia,

Seattle and New England - are looking as dominant as ever. All three are showing the complete package with great offenses, defenses and special teams. The Patriots are continuing that team unity and as long as Tom Brady stays healthy they just might be back in the Bowl. However, look for the Jets to give them a scare as the old Chad Pennington is back with an emergence from Curtis Martin.

The Eagles' offense is looking simply amazing by beating every opponent by double digits with my early season MVP Donovan McNabb at the helm. Although Seattle looks like a very tough team to beat, this just may be the year for the Eagles, at least after the first three weeks that we've all seen so far.



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D.C. is finally talking Baseball

By Kevin Froehlich
Sports Editor

Northern Virginia? Loser. Norfolk, Virginia? Loser. Las Vegas? In this case, loser. Portland, Oregon? Same boat, loser. Monterrey, Mexico? Guess what? Loser, as well. The only winner, though, in this contest is Washington, D.C. That's right, after a 33-year absence, the District of Columbia has landed itself a baseball team in the Montreal Expos. All right, so maybe it's not the Holy Grail, but after a third of a century rooting for the hapless Capitals and pathetic Wizards/Bullets, Washington will take what it can get.

Plus, it's baseball! America's pastime! Now we D.C. Metro folk (I'm from Northern Virginia) won't have to drive an hour and a half to Baltimore to watch the Orioles lose. We can watch our own team, the Washington Who's-Its, lose without leaving for a 7:30 game at 5:00.

The announcement came Wednesday afternoon at 4:05 p.m. when MLB Commissioner Bud Selig called District Mayor Anthony Williams to congratulate

him. At the 5 p.m. press conference at the City Museum, everyone who attended could hardly contain their joy. I hadn't see a D.C. mayor that elated since right before Marion Barry was busted for being a bad, bad man (By the way, "Bitch set me up," is top five funniest quotes by a politician ever).

So the team actually needs an owner, and a general manager, and a manager, and a nickname, and to defeat whatever legal battles the city of Montreal will throw at them, but still, Washington, D.C. baseball is back, baby! The 29 MLB team owners bought the Expos from Jeffrey Loria in 2002 for \$120 million, you don't think someone's going to pony up at least the \$300 million the league is looking for to own a franchise in the nation's capital? It's going to be like that Lending Tree commercial, with all the suitors crammed into a living room anxiously awaiting Selig's decision.

The first two hurdles have already been cleared. Where they will play has been figured out. They'll play in RFK for the first three years, with \$13 million in

renovations going into the stadium by next April, until a \$440 million ballpark is built on the Anacostia waterfront. For those of you who think the waterfront is a bad place to put a stadium, don't worry. Anacostia is going to boom just like Downtown did when the MCI Center was built in 1997. Trust me.

Also, apparently Orioles owner Peter Angelos has been appeased because we haven't heard any complaints from him, even though his demands are ludicrous. He needs to simmer down. Two teams in one market have worked before, just ask New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and the Bay Area.

As for the team name, the Senators just feels right. Although the Grays, a tribute to the Negro League's Homestead Grays that played in D.C. in the 1930s and 40s, isn't bad either.

With all the revenue the team will make in the coming years, Washington should be able to field a competitive team in no time. And that should make Mr. Angelos even more heated, which would give Washingtonians every reason to be that much happier.

Sea Gull Sports Beat

FIELD HOCKEY

The No. 2 field hockey team stayed undefeated, winning two games this week and one against No. 1 Messiah.

The Gulls (10-0, 3-0 CAC) beat Goucher on Thursday 8-0 in Towson. Brittany Elliot notched three goals and three assists to lead the offense. Tracey Lloyd, Melissa Webster, Jess Dixon and Erin Budd each had a goal apiece, with Budd adding two assists. Goucher mustered only one shot in the entire game. The victory was the 250th in head coach Dawn Chamberlin's career.

Then on Saturday, in one of the most anticipated match-ups of the year, the Gulls knocked off No. 1 Messiah 2-1 in Grantham, Pa. Lloyd scored both goals for Salisbury, and Megan Powell had an assist. Messiah's Danae Chambers scored late to cut the lead to 2-1, but goalie Maria Ramoundos and the Sea Gull defense were able to hold off the Messiah attack for the win. Ramoundos had 11 saves in 12 chances.

The girls are home for the week, Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. against Catholic and Saturday at 1 p.m. against New Jersey.

FOOTBALL

The football team remained unbeaten after a 57-13 demolishing of Newport News Apprentice on Saturday in Newport News, Va.

Salisbury (5-0, 2-0) was once again led by quarterback Travis

Peters who threw for 161 yards, two touchdowns and one interception, and ran for 36 yards and one score. Leroy Satchell ran for 73 yards on seven carries, finding the end zone twice. Adam Dickerson, Joseph Early, Francis Bryant, Justyn Lankford and Chris Newton all scored a TD for the Gulls, as well. Kicker Brock Boland made a 35-yard field goal, also.

The defense held Apprentice to just 193 total yards and forced five interceptions. All of Apprentice's 13 points came in the fourth quarter with the game already decided. The team hopes to continue its dominance next Saturday at Buffalo State. Their next home game is Homecoming, Oct. 16, against Kean.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team lost a tough one Saturday, falling 2-1 to Mary Washington in Fredricksburg, Va.

The Gulls (3-5-1, 2-1-1) took the lead early, scoring on a penalty kick by Candice Hills. Mary Washington, however, was able to overcome the slim deficit and notch two quick goals before the first half buzzer sounded. Salisbury could not answer in the second half.

Heather Pallet and Jeanine Swezey led the offense with two shots each. Meghan Tadio, Leanne Argue, Jessica Reed and Kate Weaver all had one shot, as well. Goalie Kate Hendrickson had four saves.

Salisbury plays at Virginia Wesleyan on Tuesday and then returns home to face York on Saturday at 1 p.m.

SU XC team hosts Tidewater Fall Classic

By Noah Wood
Staff Writer

The cross-country teams had a phenomenal meet Saturday at Winterplace Park in Salisbury, where they hosted the Tidewater Fall Classic. The men took third out of nine teams and the women took second out of nine teams.

The men's team had plenty of improved times over the 8-kilometer course to help bring the flock together in a mighty effort against the intense competition. Although the rain started coming down just before the race started, it did not deter the men from following through on their promise to do their best at the meet. The fierce opponents that they faced were Hood College (ninth with 269 points), Bowie State University (eighth with 217 points), Adelphi University (seventh with 206 points), Loyola College (sixth with 183 points), Mansfield University (fifth with 148), Rowan University

(fourth with 105), Kutztown University (second with 56 points) and Shippensburg University (winning the meet with 20 points).

In addition, junior Scott Koehler took 10th in the race with a personal best time of 26:17. Koehler earned a trophy for finishing in the top 10. Others who had notable improvements and performances include junior Enos Benbow (17th with a personal best of 26:31), sophomore Brian Eagan (40th with a personal best of 27:45), sophomore Daryl Lee (21st with a personal best of 26:45), freshman Roland Lane (55th with a personal best of 28:32), junior Nick Loffer (36th with a personal best of 27:31), junior Will Murdoch (11th with a personal best of 26:18), sophomore Matt Vetter (20th with a personal best of 26:42), sophomore Matt Walenciak (51st with a personal best of 28:23) and sophomore Buck Stokes with (26th with a great personal best of 26:59).

"Even though it was raining, we

poured over the competition with seven guys under 27 minutes," Stokes said proudly of his teammates. Look forward to more of such glory in their future meets as they enter the championship portion of their season.

The women ran what was by far their best meet all year. Even though it rained and the men had run on the drenched course before them, it did not prevent them from achieving success. The teams they had to face were Bowie State University (ninth with 250 points), Hood College (eighth with 215 points), Adelphi University (seventh with 179 points), Loyola College (sixth with 170 points), Mansfield University (fifth with 119 points), Rowan University (fourth with 109 points), Shippensburg University (third with 80 points) and Kutztown University (winning the meet with 39 points).

The key to their success in their 6-kilometer race was having their top four in a tight pack only

seconds apart. Leading the pack was freshman Laura Ulmer (seventh with a personal best of 23:11), freshman Casey McNerny (ninth with a personal best of 23:11), freshman Zuzka O'Zwoldlike (eighth with a personal best of 23:12 on her birthday) and junior Lauren Bragg (10th with 23:18). In addition senior Karen Chaney had a great race (49th with a personal best of 26:26) and so did junior Amy Lang (18th with a time of 24 minutes flat).

"Our main goal for today was to get under 24:00 for our top five runners, so we huckle-bucked our way through the wet, sloppy course," Lang said. "We accomplished our goal as a team and got second place. I'm very proud of all the girls."

The results of the meet definitely go to show the potential that the women's team has for the championship races.

Also worth noting, assistant coaches Andrew "Taco" Marrocco

and Steve Jacobs ran unattached. Marrocco ran a time of 27:10, and Jacobs finished right behind him with 27:11. They ran this as a short tune-up for the Baltimore Marathon in two weeks.

Head coach Jim Jones was awfully proud of how the team surpassed his expectations of this meet. "Here again, it is another good example of our team stepping up to another level," Jones said. "It was an excellent preparation to the championship meets which are the next four meets of the season." It just shows when a team works together what we can accomplish."

In addition, Jones said that everyone on the women's team ran their best times and that this is the greatest performance that the Sea Gulls have had at this meet.

Next Saturday the Sea Gulls will run at the Maryland State XC Championships at Hagerstown Community College, where they show a great deal of promise for improvement and glory.



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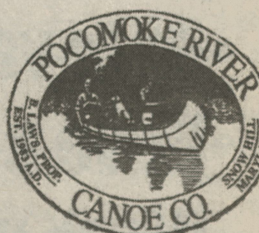


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Men's Soccer blanks another

By Jamie Estep
Staff Writer

Extending their unbeaten streak to eight games, the No. 3 men's soccer defeated St. Mary's 2-0 on Wednesday.

Junior Chris Mills was on fire scoring both of Salisbury's (8-0-1, 2-0 CAC) goals, one in each half. His first goal was unassisted as he dribbled and juked his way through five St. Mary's (3-4-1, 1-3 CAC) defenders before he banged a shot that made its way past Seahawks goalie Rick Besore. Mills' first half goal came 16 minutes in.

It didn't take the junior long to strike gold again, however. One minute into the second half, Mills played a crossing pass from junior Bill Whittington and put it in the back of the net to put the Sea Gulls up by two.

Although the Gulls only scored twice, St. Mary's never had a chance. Dominating in every facet of the game Salisbury was the superior team, beating St. Mary's to every loose ball and header. Salisbury's best defense was in

their offense as they ran off 34 shots compared to St. Mary's 10. But the shots were evenly distributed as six different Salisbury players had three or more shots.

Leading the shooting barrage was Mills with eight, while senior Dan Lader had six and Whittington had five. By occupying the ball in St. Mary's half of the field for most of the game, the Sea Gulls did not allow the Seahawks any chance to mount a comeback. To ensure that St. Mary's didn't make that comeback, junior goalie Jason Cranford blocked all seven shots on goal, raising his season total to 38. Cranford and the Salisbury defense notched their sixth shut out in nine games this season.

With this shutout victory against St. Mary's, head coach Gerry DiBartolo recorded his 249th career coaching victory. DiBartolo has also led his team to a feat never accomplished here at Salisbury University. In the 68 years that the men's soccer program has existed, they have never been ranked as



SU Men's soccer played well again continuing their winning streak. Flyer Photo by Contessa Crisostomo.

high as they are now in the NSCAA/Adidas poll.

With the sky as their limit, Salisbury looks to take any and all.

Unfortunately for Goucher, they're Salisbury's next opponent, as the Sea Gulls travel to Towson looking to improve their record to 9-0-1.

Salisbury's next home game is against York on Oct. 9 at 2 p.m., so make your way out to the soccer fields and support the team.

Volleyball starts to make a run

By Matt Petersen
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University volleyball team had quite a run during the last week of September and the first weekend of October. On its way to winning four matches and losing only one, the Sea Gulls defeated Goucher, Greensboro, Widener and Villa Julie. The only loss came to Lebanon Valley. The Gulls won 11 games in those matches while only losing five. The team improved its record to 13-11 overall and 2-1 in Capitol Athletic Conference.

The week began with a CAC match on Tuesday night against Goucher in Maggs Gymnasium. Salisbury dominated most of the match, beating Goucher by a combined score of 90-47. Salisbury's guard was only let down for a short time late in the second game when Goucher used a late comeback in attempt to steal a victory from the Gulls. However,

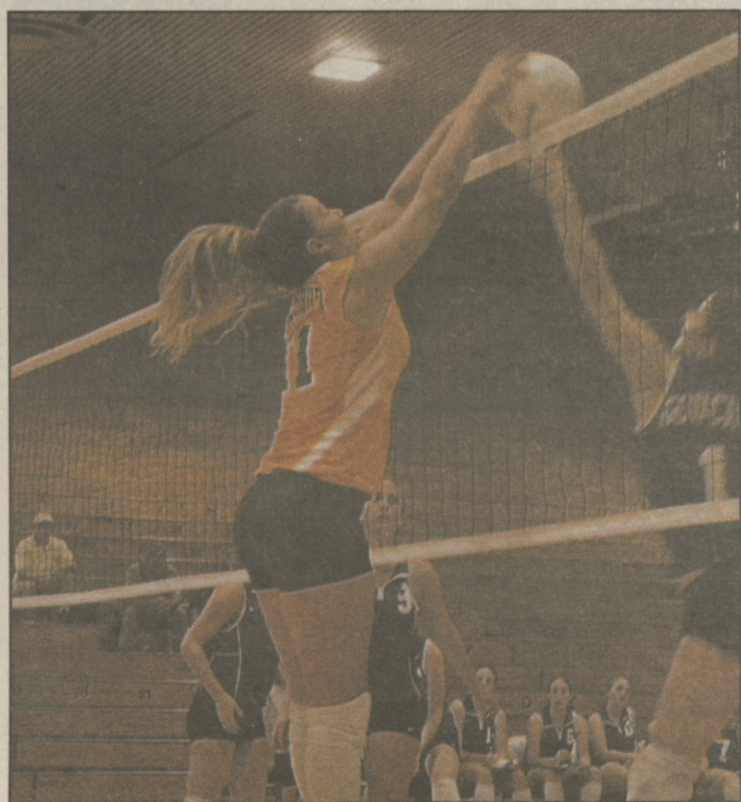
Salisbury stopped this comeback and took the game by a score of 30-26. The Gulls won the first game 30-7 and the third game 30-14.

Lindsay Lawson led the Gull attack with eight digs against Goucher. Brittany Mister and Lou Ward also contributed with seven kills each. Abbey Petrecca played a pivotal role in the victory with her 33 assists and four service aces. Kim Rementer anchored the defensive effort with 16 digs.

The convincing win brought the Sea Gulls to the 500 mark with a 10-10 record as the team entered Salisbury Tournament. Salisbury, Villa Julie, Widener, Greensboro and Lebanon Valley faced off in tournament play at Maggs this past weekend. Salisbury was well represented with two of its team members, Lawson and Petrecca, earning all-tournament team honors for their play. Salisbury with a 3-1 record took second place

while Lebanon Valley finished in first. Greensboro finished in third place and Widener followed in fourth. Villa Julie took last place.

Salisbury's convincing win against Goucher, and their impressive record in the tournament should give the team plenty of momentum as they host York College this week. The Gulls hope to keep pushing their record past the five hundred mark, and they hope to take a very important conference game.



Women's volleyball players showed a real effort in their last match. Flyer photos by Peter Staubs.

